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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TINA SMITH, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we boast of Your power and magnify Your Name. Although our Nation is beset with dangers, You remain our strong fortress.

Lord, give our lawmakers the wisdom to seek Your solutions to the great problems they face. Remind them that more than human ingenuity is needed. May our Senators prove Your promises by faithfully and patiently trusting in the unfolding of Your prevailing providence. Give them a passion to turn from evil as they seek to glorify Your Name. Remind them that though the righteous face many troubles, You deliver them from them all.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TINA SMITH, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. SMITH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LUJÁN). The Democratic leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING JOHN WARNER

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, we were greeted this morning by some very sad news, that our former colleague Senator John Warner of Virginia had passed away at the age of 94.

A five-term Senator, he was a consummate public servant, a consensus builder, an authority on military affairs—one of the last World War II veterans to serve in this Chamber. And he

actually interrupted his law school studies to join the Marine Corps during the Korean war. The kind of stature that he had, his great, great reaching across the aisle in bipartisanship is something this Chamber misses, and we miss him.

At my request, the flags around the Senate side of the U.S. Capitol will be lowered to half-staff in his honor.

On behalf of the Senate, I want to express our condolences to his family and his friends and our gratitude for his amazing service to America throughout his life.

ENDLESS FRONTIER ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Mr. President, on the competition act, the Senate today will continue work on the bipartisan U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, legislation that will supercharge American innovation and preserve our competitive edge, not just for the next few years but for generations to come. It will be true that our children and even our grandchildren will benefit from this legislation.

Right now, this legislation doesn't get the big focus of the press—A, because it is bipartisan; there aren't too many clashes; B, because it is positive; and, C, because it is long term. It won't have an immediate effect tomorrow, but it will have a profound effect 3, 4, 5 years from now and generations after.

So it is really important legislation. I think it is one of the most important things this Chamber has done in a very long time. And the hallmark of the bill has been its bipartisanship. It pulls together bipartisan legislation from no

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